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NJMC to Help Stop Nuisance Flooding in Secaucus Neighborhoods

LYNDHURST, N.J. - In an effort to aggressively pursue flood control in the Meadowlands District, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has partnered with the Town of Secaucus to help mitigate nuisance flooding in residential areas.

The NJMC has appropriated \$100,000 to the Town of Secaucus for the design and construction of various improvements to the drainage system. The improvements include a new drainage pipe between Franklin Terrace and Garry Terrace to the Central Lane stormwater sewer system. Concrete curbing and new stormwater pipes and inlets will be added to Central Lane. Yard drains between First Street and Second Street will be connected to a new pipe to convey stormwater to First Avenue. Yard drains between First Street and Minnie Place South will be connected to a new pipe to convey stormwater to Minnie Place and Golden Avenue.

“The NJMC is proud to help provide relief to Secaucus residents who continually suffer from nuisance flooding,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “As little as an inch of rain can impact yards, basements, and cause ponding of water on local streets. This project represents a major thrust forward in helping towns throughout the Meadowlands District with their flood management responsibilities.”

Funds will be allocated through the NJMC’s MAGNET (Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation) program. Construction is expected to start later this year and is expected to take two months to complete.

Under its Floodplain Management Plan, The NJMC is working on a number of stormwater projects throughout the Meadowlands District to help control flooding. The Plan prioritizes flooding zones for relief by measuring the impact on first-floor residents and businesses, garage and basement inundation, frequency of flooding, constriction of major roads, and other variables.

The Plan is one of a number of initiatives by the NJMC to take a proactive role in assisting municipalities with their efforts to address flooding. This includes allocating funds to each of the 14 Meadowlands municipalities for the preparation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans, as well as numerous grants for tide gate and pump station service and repairs throughout the District.

An upcoming project entails replacing tide gates at key locations in Rutherford and East Rutherford. This project will be done in conjunction with the NJDOT to better manage the tidal influence on business and commuter traffic along Route 17 and increase the capacity of the system to handle stormwater. The NJMC is also undertaking a drainage system restoration project to alleviate flooding to Carlstadt and Moonachie businesses.

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